

Belmont Cultural Council Meeting: November 12, 2009 minutes

Attending: Sarah Freiberg (chair), Juliet Jenkins, Laura Northridge, Anne Quirk, Ken Stalberg

Absent: Mary Keith, Christine Sandvik

The meeting came to order at 7:30 pm in Belmont's Town Hall.

The minutes from last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Laura Northridge reported on the Lowell Mills field trip grant (#19 on spreadsheet). She e-mailed grant writer at Winn Brook school to explain why the grant was denied (see October 20, 2009 minutes -- the council does not currently fund field trips), and expects to get a response soon.

Juliet Jenkins reported on two grant proposals: Music For Young Children at Plymouth Nursery (#10) and Writing Workshop at library (#14). The Plymouth Nursery School, after conversations with Juliet, has tweaked their proposal, recasting it as a celebratory concert open to the public and reducing its request to \$200 or \$250 (Juliet to double check). Juliet scored it a 15 and recommend that it be considered by the whole committee for funding. The Writing Workshop at the library was also recommended by Juliet for consideration by the whole committee. She scored it at 18. However, she cautioned that it has been previously funded by the BCC.

Christine Sandvik was unable to attend tonight's meeting, so she forwarded emails concerning Exploring Careers grant (#14) to Sarah, who read them to the committee. The grant writer has changed the scope of her project and asked if she could propose a different local partner. The committee felt that it was now too late in the grant cycle to do so and voted unanimously to deny funding.

Ken Stalberg updated the committee on two proposals: Literary Magazine proposal (#6) and Powers School Outreach Event (#17). Belmont High teacher Lisa Hurtubise is very enthusiastic about sharing the statewide literary magazine with her students and has received permission for the school's administrators to do so. Ken scored the proposal a 19 and recommended that it be considered by the whole committee for funding. As for the Powers grant, Ken reported that they are aware that they can not become dependent upon the BCC for future of their program, which has received funding for the BCC for the last two years.

The meeting closed with a discussion of the FY2010 budget, which Juliet estimates at \$7000: \$4000 promised by the state for 2010 and \$3000 carried over from previous years. Committee members expressed concern that the Commonwealth will make last minute cuts, as happened last year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Anne Quirk